

be erased. Judge A. Leon Higginbotham's legacy is too important.

TRIBUTE TO LOUIE GREENGARD

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the work of a tireless brother from the House of Labor in my district, Louie Greengard. Mr. Greengard recently retired as the president of the Saint Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, the AFL-CIO central body my district.

In 1969, Louie Greengard began his trades career as a carpenter. Elected Recording Secretary of the Carpenters and Joiners Local 87 in 1977, Greengard advanced to the position of Business Agent in 1982. In 1988, his carpenter sisters and brothers elected him as Executive Secretary of the Carpenters District Council. One year later, in 1989, Louie Greengard was elected President of the Saint Paul Trades and Labor Assembly. He served in this capacity until his recent retirement late this year.

I've been pleased to work with Louie Greengard on a wide variety of issues, all advancing the working people's interests and concerns. I know Greengard as a hard-working, strong, fair, effective servant of labor in all walks of life and work; advocating for working families' wages, benefits, and an innovative service network; leading the Trades and Labor Assembly through good times and bad. Highlights include organizing innumerable Saint Paul Winter Carnival Parade units for the Assembly; coordinating labor's participation in the United Way campaigns; drawing Minnesota's oldest labor newspaper, The Union Advocate under the trades and Labor Assembly's aegis; successfully lobbying for Saint Paul's half-cent sales tax, creating a fund for community reinvestment and redevelopment; guiding the Assembly's participation in challenging election cycles; advocating strongly and forcefully for working families; and always working to bring people together for the common good.

With Mr. Greengard's retirement on November 11, 1998, he has, no doubt, plans to use his richly-deserved free time to restore a few more classic cars; spend more time with his wonderful family, his spouse Jan, his 5 children and 12 grandchildren; spend more time with his faithful basset hound, Jake; and bask in the friendship and warm sunshine of southern winters chasing fish and golf balls.

Louie Greengard is a great example of those who ably, confidently and successfully lead the house of labor. We are all richer for his friendship, leadership and tireless advocacy of working women and men. I'm honored to represent him and earn the support of working men and women in our state. It is with heartfelt thanks and gratitude that I wish him the best of health and a well deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR.
ERNEST J. KING

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give special tribute to my constituent and good friend, Mr. Ernest J. King of Temple, Texas. On January 2, 1999, Mr. King will retire from government service upon serving his country for forty-two years and nine months.

Born in Palestine, West Virginia, Mr. King joined the Army National Guard in 1956 and served with distinction as a guardsman until 1971. In that capacity, he became a specialist in the Nike Ajax and Nike Hercules military fire control systems at Fort MacArthur, California. Throughout his tenure there, he earned various awards and commendations befitting his exemplary service in the Guard.

Upon completing his military service, he began his twenty-seven year tenure as an electronics technician with the Federal Aviation Administration. His breadth of experience highlights Mr. King's service in the FAA. He received numerous citations for his dedication to excellence, often described in accolades from his superiors as having "a can-do attitude", "a keen sense of personal initiative" and "a professionalism maintained at a level far beyond the call of duty". Mr. King played an instrumental role in attaining the FAA's Best Regional Sector Field Office of the Year Award for 1974 and Best Regional Sector of the Year Award for 1981. He was also lauded for his efforts in the Panama Canal Zone. After President Carter signed the Panama Canal Treaty in 1978, Mr. King and his colleagues were charged with the air traffic and radar control transition from United States to Panamanian jurisdiction. They did this with particular distinction, earning high praise from the regional headquarters in Atlanta.

The King family has resided in my Congressional district since 1981. My admiration and fondness for them run deep. Furthermore, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mr. King for his commitment and duty to his country for over forty years.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing and honoring a gentleman who has served his country and community well.

RECOGNIZING JERRY LOCKMAN OF CHARLOTTE, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to recognize Mr. Jerry Lockman for his work on the "House That Congress Built" project in Charlotte, Michigan.

Jerry dutifully served as volunteer construction manager and building consultant for the first several weekends of this home located at 521 Monroe, Charlotte. He was largely responsible for its quick framing and roofing and I am proud to say we will dedicate this new home this Sunday, December 20, 1998, at 3 p.m.

Mr. Lockman generously volunteered his construction expertise to guide volunteers with varying degrees of experience to construct the home. Not only did Jerry donate his vast knowledge, but his time and tools too.

Families selected to receive a Habitat for Humanity home are required to contribute many hours of their "sweat equity" to the construction of their future home. Mr. Lockman's sweat equity, his dedication, hard work and long hours are what I recognize and honor today. His investment in this home, neighborhood, Charlotte community. Eaton Area Habitat for Humanity, and perhaps most importantly, the lives of the new homeowners, Julie, Hailey and Skyler Hartig, is to be commended.

Many of my colleagues have been involved in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home. This year, I was privileged enough to lend my support to three houses in my district. I could not have attempted to help build these homes without the drive, support and assistance of good people like Mr. Jerry Lockman.

The Honorable Speaker of the House, NEWT GINGRICH, perhaps summed it up best when we kicked off the "House that Congress Built" project last year. "When you help a family grow, as well as build a house—when you watch the sense of ownership—you understand why this is a great program."

The Theology of the Hammer, a guiding principle of Habitat, is an appropriate way to describe Jerry's efforts. This theology emphasizes partnerships, bringing people together from all different social, racial, religious, political and education backgrounds, to work together for a common goal. This was never more apparent than working at the Charlotte home site. People were brought together in the spirit of friendship and teamwork, and personal differences didn't matter. Mr. Lockman embodies the spirit of volunteerism and caring that fuel so many organizations like Habitat for Humanity, allowing them to do all the good things they do for others in need in our communities and around the world.

Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live, grow and raise their families. Because of Jerry Lockman and others, the Julie Hartig family now has such a place to call home.

My wife Bonnie and I would like to offer Jerry our most sincere thanks for his dedicated volunteerism and assistance in helping build the Eaton Area Habitat for Humanity's the "House That Congress Built," at 521 Monroe, Charlotte.

RUSSIA IS A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM IN CYPRUS

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, the tensions in Cyprus continue, despite a new round of American diplomatic efforts and shuttle diplomacy by the United Nations envoy. In my view, our government should focus its attention on a significant part of the problem: Russia.

As it has since May, Russia refuses to halt its planned sale of S-300 missiles to the Greek Cypriots, despite resounding protests